



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Polelander Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-084452 and Forest Practices Application No. 2920035. This is a variable retention harvest of 56 acres in 5 units, with 1,940 feet of optional road construction, 518 feet of optional road reconstruction, and 2,140 feet of road abandonment.

**Description of mitigation:** The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 170 feet wide on type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ along type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians. Leave Tree clumps have been left around type 5 stream headwater areas, where possible, to protect these areas.
- Wetland Management Zones (WMZ) averaging 170 feet wide on forested wetlands greater than one acre and 100-foot WMZ on forested wetlands 0.25 to 1 acre.
- Road reconstruction work will occur on the outward edges of one of the Wetland Management Zones. The road Right-of-Way through this area will be kept as small as possible, and no additional trees will need to be cut to allow for this road. This road will be abandoned following harvest, and replanted with shade tolerant conifer species.
- Spur roads to be constructed, and a portion of the road to be reconstructed, will be abandoned following completion of the harvest activities.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.
- Portions of the Tarbell Trail impacted by this proposal will be posted and closed during active operations. The trail will be kept in a useable and open condition for weekends and holidays.
- The harvested units will be replanted with a mixture of different conifer species that are best suited to the micro-site growing conditions found on these units. Some of these micro-site conditions include high elevations, the presence of Swiss needle cast in adjacent stands, and strong east wind episodes.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources

**Location of proposal:** Sections 34 and 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 East, W.M., approximately 14 miles by road, east of Battle Ground, off the L-1100 road systems in Clark County, Washington.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[ ] There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from September 4, 2009. Comments must be submitted by September 18, 2009.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.